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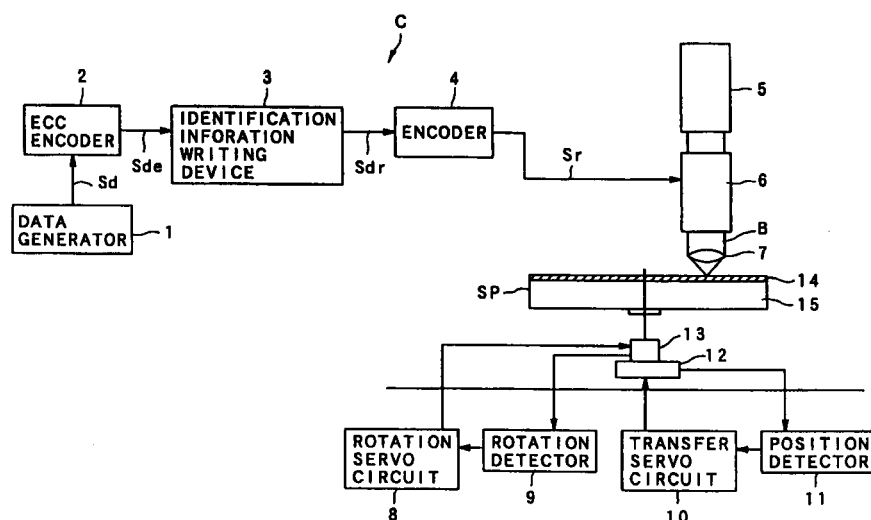
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(54) **Information generating method and apparatus, information reproducing method and apparatus, and information record medium**

(57) An information generating apparatus (C) for generating output information to be outputted is provided with: an error correcting code adding device (2) for adding an error correction code (31, 32), which is used for an error correction of the output information when the output information is outputted, to the output information to thereby generate the output information having the error correction code; and a replacing device

(3) for replacing a part of the output information having the error correction code, which is generated by the error correcting code adding device, with identification information (35) indicating that the output information to be outputted is not illegally copied to thereby generate the partially replaced output information.



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